

## Cruise Report: Baltimore Inner Harbor Cruise (alternate title - Hazy Dazz)

Dates: June 5-9, 2023

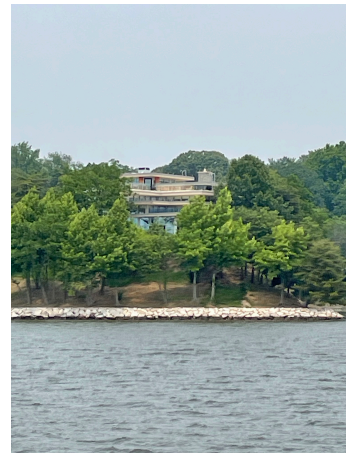
Cruise Captains: John & Barbara Pomije, Shaken Knot Stirred

Fellow Cruisers: Divided Sky, Mystic, Volant

**Monday June 5th:** Fred Molden, a prospective member, joined us the night prior at Bachelor Point to spend some quality time at the marina. Monday was a calm, mostly motoring or leisure sailing day for everyone and we all made it over to Selby Bay, just inside the South River. On an Impulse, Keith and Debbie decided to join us for dinner and drinks, and ultimately decided to stay overnight as well. Barbara served a tasty Country French theme dinner including French cheeses, a French beef stew, brioche rolls and macarons. Selby Bay was quiet with good views of the South River, but a little too open to consider for a future anchorage, unless you're hunting for a breeze.



**Tuesday, June 6th:** Our second day out and Volant had to head back to Bay Bridge Marina for "appointments". We sailed and motored our way north to the Magothy River. With strong westerly winds in the overnight forecast, we decided to move past Dobins Island in the Magothy to Broad Creek. It has been a long time since we have been by the locally famous "Glass House". With an eye toward keeping our safety skills honed we also conducted a brief 'hat' overboard drill. It was a protected and picturesque anchorage and Denny and Stephanie graciously hosted cocktails and endless appetizers.



**Wednesday, June 7th:** Congratulations to Keith Donald! This was his **100th day on the water**, so far this year. This was also probably the haziest day of our trip. We sailed north, then motored up the Patapsco River to the Inner Harbor. Divided Sky had to deal with a busted drive belt, with Mystic hovering nearby on the Patapsco. Unluckily, the mechanic who had installed a new alternator on the boat forgot to mention he used different sized belts, so the 'spares' no longer fit. Luckily, the engine has twin drive belts, so Denny just eased the boat the rest of the way to Harbor East Marina.



The marina, now owned and upgraded by Oasis Marinas, had floating docks, accommodating staff and very nice facilities. It was a secure area with great but hazy views of the Baltimore skyline.



We were adjacent to Little Italy so we walked to "Kitty's" place aka Sabatino's for dinner. We were guided to great dinner selections by Kitty. Afterwards we walked on to Vaccaro's for their famous pastries and coffee, etc.. Keith ordered the largest éclair I've ever seen!



**Thursday, June 8th:** After a morning Uber tour of Baltimore auto parts stores, Denny installed 2 new belts on Divided Sky and we departed Baltimore. We then had our best sailing day south, out of the Patapsco and down the Chesapeake. (Baltimore Light below)



We changed the location of our last anchorage to Meridith Creek, off Whitehall Bay. Keith and Debbie hosted our happy hour and we enjoyed the tranquil views and a heron family gathering in Meridith. It was an interesting juxtaposition of the peaceful anchorages of Broad and Meridith Creeks and the busy Baltimore Inner Harbor.



**Friday, June 9th:** Mystic left first thing that morning while Divided Sky and Shaken Knot Stirred motored with the wind down the Bay, through Knapps Narrows, and on to our home ports. The smoky haze, while hampering our views, did not affect us or the great times together on the bay.

*Monday AM: Chesapeake Bay*

*Wednesday AM: Broad Creek, Magothy River*



**Cruise Nights:**

Divided Sky	4
Mystic	4
Shaken Knot Stirred	4
Volant	1